

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), K. Darrell, B. Spratt, P. Butcher and D. Hayward.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
1 member of the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Langley. These were approved by the Council. | 25/001 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
None were received. | 25/002 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) A report from County Cllr Rowett had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.
b) There were no issues raised by members of the public. | 25/003 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2024.
Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Darrell, seconded by Cllr Butcher, and AGREED by all that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 25/004 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
There were none. | 25/005 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.
Correspondence from National Grid had been received through the post by local residents. Cllr Darrell offered to draft a letter in response, and would circulate it to the Council for approval. | 25/006 |
| 7. To approve the 2025-26 budget and precept demand.
After a discussion of budgetary requirements and Council reserves, Cllr Darrell proposed approving the draft budget, and keeping the precept at the current sum of £18,000.00. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Hayward and AGREED unanimously. Cllr Butcher suggested making more use of grants to fund projects. | 25/007 |
| 8. Financial matters.
a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices these payments were approved: | 25/008 |

Signed:

Date:

Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses Nov and Dec	£85.99		£85.99
D Wickham & HMRC	Clerk's Salary & PAYE January	£423.25		£423.25
D Wickham & HMRC	Clerk's Salary & PAYE February	£423.25		£423.25
D Wickham & HMRC	Clerk's Salary & PAYE March	£423.25		£423.25
D Wickham & HMRC	Clerk's Salary & PAYE April	£423.25		£423.25

9. **To appoint the Internal Auditor for the 2024-25 financial year.** 25/009
Cllr Pincher proposed appointing R Goreham as the Internal Auditor again. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Hayward and **AGREED** unanimously.
10. **To receive a financial update from TAFRA (as Parish Council not sole-trustee).** 25/010
Cllr Butcher reported that by the financial year-end the position should be largely the same as it was last year. However, the unresolved water leak had been a huge drain on resources. This may lead to additional funds being required to remain solvent. Cllr Spratt suggested calling an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting in April to discuss this if necessary. This suggestion received unanimous support.
11. **Any planning matters.** 25/011
There were none.
12. **To adopt the 2025 Asset Register.** 25/012
Cllr Darrell proposed adopting the document. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Butcher and **AGREED** unanimously.
13. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 14th May 2025 at 7pm.** 25/013
This was **AGREED** unanimously.

The meeting ended at 19.55

Signed:

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